

## How to Develop in Spiritual Maturity

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### Scripture References:

- 1 Corinthians 13:1
- 1 Peter 2:21, *NLT*
- Philippians 2:3-8, 13, *NLT*
- 2 Corinthians 3:18, *NLT*
- John 13:34, 35, *NLT*
- Romans 5:5

### Summary:

*To grow as Christians, we must not be afraid of trouble. Our level of maturity is not linked to how long we have been saved; rather going through situations is what matures us and makes us stronger. The process of maturing hinges on our willingness to let pressure mold and shape us to improve our character, our love, and our relationships. The purpose of tribulation is to authenticate our faith in Christ. To mature, it is essential to depend on God, not on ourselves, to make us more like Him. One sign that we are moving away from immaturity and toward selflessness is that we want to please God instead of ourselves. Trusting in the Holy Spirit to change us from the inside out makes this possible.*

### Notes:

1. God wants to mature us so that He can use us to work His will in others' lives.
2. To be mature means to be complete, prepared, and ready. God can't use us until we're spiritually mature. One sign of spiritual maturity is striving after the standard of Christ.
3. To help us in the maturing process, God gave us *His* supernatural love; this allows us to walk in love.
4. We begin maturing when we yield to the Holy Spirit and let Him work in us to improve us.
5. God isn't asking us to do the work of maturing ourselves; He is asking us to depend on *Him* to do the job. He has accepted the responsibility to live and work in us.

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